

of RRBs that are proposed to be opened during the next three years in Jamnagar and Bhavnagar Districts of Gujarat.

(b) In respect of Jamnagar District no allotments were made by RBI during the last three years for opening branches to RRBs. In Bhavnagar District, Surendra Nagar Bhavnagar Gramin Bank has opened 8 branches during the last three years upto 31st October, 1991 as per details given below:

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Centre</i>
1.	Bajud
2.	Bodananes
3.	Hajipar
4.	Mandavi
5.	Mota Sarana
6.	Sarva
7.	Tajpur
8.	Tatam

Acceptance of Soiled Currency Notes by Nationalised Banks

4926. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has asked the nationalised banks to accept soiled currency notes from the public; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have authorised all branches of public

sector banks to provide facilities of exchanging soiled and certain categories of mutilated notes to the members of the public. RBI have also delegated full powers under the Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 1975 to the branches of public sector banks maintaining currency chests to adjudicate claims on defective notes. Besides, the Reserve Bank have also been extending facilities to the public for exchanging soiled and Mutilated notes at all its Issue Offices.

[Translation]

Private Insurance and Banking Companies

4927. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the private companies which have been allowed by the Government or the Reserve Bank of India to carry on Life Insurance, General Insurance and banking business upto November, 30 1991.

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints in regard to the working of these companies; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Government have not allowed any private company to carry on Life Insurance or General Insurance business. The details of companies which have been granted licences by RBI for carrying in banking business are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.